

**THE NEWS THIS MORNING.**

This otherwise admirable platform is disappointing in just one feature. Unless the presidential dispatches are at fault and omit to enumerate all the important planks of the platform, there is no mention of Civil Service reform. This is highly unfortunate in view of the misunderstanding of which the party has been made the victim since the revision of the Civil Service rules, owing to the reception of those rules by Republicans in Ohio as a gift to spoilsmen, and the subsequent repudiation by the Kentucky Republicans of the Civil Service plank of the St. Louis platform and their acceptance of the President's recent order as in harmony with that repudiation. It is extremely desirable that Republican conventions in great States like Iowa should keep the party's record clear on this subject and convince the people that the new Civil Service rules are in the interest of reform and

When an particular item of the things needed by a family is made more expensive, there is a natural tendency to cut down the buying of that thing as far as possible. Sometimes as much as half the entire consumption is cut off because of a rise not exceeding a tenth in price. No rule can be relied upon to indicate even approximately the extent of curtailment in purchases which will result from any advance in cost, but every retail dealer knows that the consumption of a great majority of people is materially affected, as respects most articles, by relative changes in their prices. When prices are generally rising in

That part of the community in which Mr. Sullivan has always been admired because of his ability to stand up under punishment either at the hands of a pugilistic adversary or his more potent liquid enemy should be congratulated on the "big fellow's" advent into New-York circles. He has been "knocked out" by both adversaries, but in the eyes of the men who will crowd his barroom and who may induce him to go into training for honors which cannot be secured only in the political arena, he is a hero still, and men who were once proud of the

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the past have contributed so seriously to keep two great nations asunder," he ends by impeaching his nine witnesses, from whose works he has been quoting, by declaring that "the history of the past of the Republic has been badly written for Americans," and that future historians ought to instruct more wisely and truthfully a new generation of voters and statesmen. It is sincerely to be hoped that this reviewer will not attempt to write American history for a new generation on either side of the Atlantic. If he does, he will not be a peacemaker, as Sir George Trevelyan has been.

"The Quarterly Review" may be forgiven for this mischievous excursion into American history of the last century, since it publishes on the same issue a most instructive article on "The Philippines and Their Future," based on the works of Mr. Foreman, Professor Worcester, Major Younghusband, Ramon Reyes Lala and other writers. The reviewer is both just and generous in all his references to America. He describes the Philippines as "a very rich group of islands—probably the richest in the world—for Java is limited to her agriculture"; and he denies that the islands are excessively unhealthy, and that America's new possessions will prove a white man's grave. "Whether or not," he says, "our new acquisition is so great," he cannot